

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Attendance: First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Selectman Brian Gordon , Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Board of Finance Members: Dick Bochinski, Steve Ezzes, Rone Baldwin, Alan Grauberd and Melissa Koller , Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

1. **Call to Order** – First Selectman Chris Spaulding called the meeting to order at 6pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Nina Daniel
3. **Discussion about the Weston Senior Activities Center Space Planning Analysis** Richard Wolf, Nina Daniel and Wendy Petty –

Mr. Wolf gave some background on the Senior Center. He pointed out the missing components; a welcoming and safe entry space, offices and private consult space, parking, multi-use space, ample space for programs/outdoor dedicated spaces. First Selectman Spaulding spoke about looking into the proposed plan as well as other possible locations for the senior center. Selectmen Grozinger asked if this is immediate, how do we pay for it and then where do we put it. Selectman Gordon said he needs to see attendance numbers, and understand how it all fits together. First Selectman Spaulding said they will discuss and come up with questions. Mr. Wolf asked if we could forward the report to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Luiz replied that he will forward it on.

4. **Resignation of Bob Ferguson from the Board of Finance** – Selectman Gordon moved to accept Bob Ferguson's resignation from the Board of Finance effective October 19, 2018. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Discussion/decision to inform residents about a private food waste program** – Selectman Grozinger explained the program is about recycling food scraps. He stated that it would be a private program that picks up weekly food scraps from your home, and at the end of the year they deliver

compost to your home. Mr. Luiz added we should do reference checks and he will compare it to other private/municipal programs. Selectman Grozinger moved to communicate to Weston residents news about the Curbside Compost business. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion/decision about offering municipal leaf and wood composting services** – Kristana Esslinger, Sustainability Committee, presented the idea. First Selectman Spaulding suggested checking in with what Westport does - as the drop off location is next to the WWHD. First Selectman Spaulding will look into options in our town/ transfer station/fees. First Selectman Grozinger moved to direct the Town Administrator to perform further research on municipal leaf and wood composting services, including permitting and cost estimates. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Discussion/decision about offering municipal plastic film recycling services** – Selectman Grozinger said this was not included in the plastic bag ordinance and perhaps this would be something we could add. Selectman Grozinger moved to direct the Town Administrator to perform further research on film recycling services, including cost estimates. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion/decision about renovation and repair restrictions placed on municipal buildings by virtue of their being located in Weston Historic District Number One** –

First Selectman Spaulding stated that this item is on the agenda because the other two Selectmen have expressed their serious concern about the costs of the library roof replacement project being unreasonable given the fact that today's wood roof shingles last much less than asphalt shingles. He said we are now running into the same issues with the slate roof on our Dispatch Center. He explained that the Board of Selectmen is questioning if the historic district should be revised so that it does not include certain town buildings. Paul Deysenroth, Chair of the Historic District Comm, stated that they were not informed about this meeting. He went on to say that cost is something that is taken into consideration by the Historic District. Mr. Luiz said he did visit the Historic District Commission and explained to them the issue about the roof and that the District told him that cost is not their concern. First Selectman Spaulding stated that he planned to bring this matter to the Historic District Commission after he gets a chance to discuss the matter with the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Grozinger added that the motion to be made on this agenda item is not to remove town buildings from the District, but to instruct the Town Attorney to determine if and how removal could take place. Chris Kimberly, of 3 Broad St, suggested that the Board of Selectmen consider asking the Commission about roof work that is temporary in nature. Margaret Wirtenberg stated she respects the Historic District Commission's opinion. Selectman Grozinger moved to request that the Town Attorney research how the Town of Weston can legally remove the Library, Town Hall, Police Department, Communications Center and Fire

Department from Weston Historic District Number One. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Discussion/decision on a proposed new ordinance concerning a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System** – First Selectman Spaulding explained that we needed to vote on these ordinances again due to posting laws and the circumstances we were in when our local newspaper closed. Selectman Gordon moved to adopt a new ordinance concerning the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Selectman Grozinger opposed. Motion carried 2-1.

10. **Discussion/decision on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 39, Citations** – Selectman Gordon moved to adopt the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 39 Citations, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Selectman Grozinger opposed. Motion carried 2-1.

11. **Discussion/decision on a proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 145, Unregistered and Abandoned Motor Vehicles** – Selectman Gordon moved to adopt the proposed ordinance amendment to Chapter 145 Unregistered and Abandoned Motor Vehicles, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Selectman Grozinger opposed. Motion carried 2-1.

12. **Discussion/decision on a proposed new ordinance concerning retail checkout bags** – Selectman Gordon moved to adopt a new ordinance concerning Retail checkout bags, as presented. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Selectman Grozinger opposed. Motion carried 2-1.

13. **Resolution authorizing summary publication of ordinances enacted tonight** – Selectman Grozinger moved to authorize that the ordinances enacted tonight be published in summary format in a local newspaper. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Discussion/decision to update the job description for Assistant Town Clerk** –

Mr. Luiz stated that the BOS would not be changing the job/ working conditions , we are only changing the education requirements. Union President, Mr. Mark Harper, asked that we hold off on this vote and continue to discuss procedure with the union. NO MOTION

15. **Discussion/decision to hire Shawn Amato as Assistant Town Clerk** – Selectman Grozinger moved to hire Shawn Amato as Assistant Town Clerk effective November 12, 2018. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
16. **Approval of a Calendar Year 2019 Board of Selectmen regular meeting schedule** – Selectman Gordon moved to approve the Calendar Year 2018 Board of Selectmen regular meeting schedule, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
17. **Approval of a review schedule for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget** – Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the review schedule for the Fiscal Year 2019-2010 Budget, as presented. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
18. **Approval of Property Tax Refunds** – Selectman Gordon moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$9,159.10, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
19. **Approval of minutes:** October 18, 2018 ; November 1, 2018; September 28, 2018 – Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved Board of Selectmen minutes of October 18, 2018, November 1, 2018, and September 28, 2018 as presented. Selectman Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
20. **Motion to recess until 7:30** – Selectman Gordon moved to recess until 7:30pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
21. **Discussion/Decision regarding the use of Town Unassigned fund balance toward a Police renovation, Fire station #1 renovation and expansion, and replacement of the Town's emergency response communication system** –

Board of Finance members present: Dick Bochinski, Steve Ezzes, Rone Baldwin, Alan Grauberd and Melissa Koller. First Selectman Spaulding presented a PowerPoint slideshow covering the history of this project along with proposed plans for EMS expansion, PD renovations, possible dispatch renovations and roof repairs. He also noted that EMS has a large donor to cover their expansion expenses. First Selectman Spaulding discussed communication equipment and funding. Mr. Grauberd asked for some clarification on the drawings. Mr. Baldwin asked about the square footage of the additional EMS space.

Mr. Luiz then explained that this proposed project would go to Building Committee, Planning & Zoning, Board of Finance and then to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for purposes of asking for a supplemental to pay the architect to put together construction drawings and put the project out to bid. The Board of Finance expressed support for the proposed plan but will still need more information and numbers. NO MOTION

22. **Adjournment:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:38pm. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: December 20, 2018